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SUBJ: TEXTILES: US-HK BILATERAL AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 169437

1. BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL CONGEN HAS ASSUMED THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON NEW BILATERAL AND EXTENSION OF CURRENT AGREEMENT COULD TAKE PALCE IN HONG KONG MONDAY, JULY 25 OR TUESDAY, JULY 26, AT LATEST, GIVEN NEED FOR ONE FULL WORKING DAY TO PREPARE FINAL COPIES OF NOTE AND AGREEMENTS.

2. CONGEN LEARNED FRIDAY, JULY 22, THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT USDEL HAD APPROACHED HK GENEVA REP WITH PROPOSALS TO AMEND AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION TO DISPLEASURE AT HAVING PROPOSALS INTRODUCED AT THIS JUNCTURE, HKG OFFICIALS HAVE
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EXPRESSED THEIR GROWING ANXIETY OVER POTENTIAL INTERRUPTIONS IN TRADE IF TERMS ON WHICH IT IS TO BE CONDUCTED ARE NOT CLARIFIED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. ALREADY CONFRONTING PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF DELAY IN SIGNING US BILATERAL, HKG WILL FACE ACUTE EMBARRASSEMENT IN HK LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 IF ITS NEGOTIATION OF US BILATERAL CANNOT BE PUBLICLY DEFENDED. SOME OF HKG'S DIFFICULTY

IN EXPLAINING DELAYS TO LOCAL US BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND
HK MEDIA OF ANNOUNCING US AGREEMENTS HAS ALREADY BEEN SHIFTED
TO CONGEN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM CONGEN IMMEDIATELY
WHETHER DELAYS IN CABLING AGREEMENT TEXTS ARE MERELY
MECHANICAL OR WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES ARE INVOLVED.
PLEASE ADVISE WHEN WE MIGHT REASONABLY EXPECT TO EXCHANGE
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